

REMARKS

The communication dated October 17, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-141 were previously pending in the above-referenced application and are subject to a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement.

Restriction Requirement

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-69 of Group I.

Claims 70-141, which will be withdrawn from consideration pursuant to this species requirement, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter recited in claims 70-141, or similar subject matter, in one or more related (divisional) applications.

Species Election Requirement

An election is also hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute claims that read on the species in which a first member is inserted into a second member (*i.e.*, Species I).

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-69 reads on the elected species, with claim 22 being the most generic.

Information Disclosure Statements

Please note that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the above-referenced application on May 30, 2001, January 25, 2002, July 25, 2002, and January 7, 2004, but that the undersigned attorney has not yet received any indication that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements have been considered in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements of May 30, 2001, January 25, 2002, July 25, 2002, and January 7, 2004, be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statements be returned to the undersigned attorney as evidence of such consideration.

If any of the documents or any portion thereof is not available to the Office, the undersigned attorney would be happy to supply a copy thereof to the Office.

Preliminary Amendment

Also, please note that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in the above-referenced application on January 16, 2005, but that the undersigned attorney has not yet received any acknowledgement that the Preliminary Amendment has been entered into the Office file for the above-referenced application. If, for some reason, the Preliminary Amendment has not yet been entered into the Office file, the undersigned attorney would be happy to provide the Office with a true copy thereof.

CONCLUSION

An early and favorable action on the merits of claims 1-69 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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